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As I was driving home from church today I decided I really needed to count how many households on my road had suffered from cancer by at least one member of that residency.

I live on a short stretch of Highway 158; more specifically from just beyond the railroad crossing to Bayou Grappe. The houses range from 728 Highway 158 to 1073 Highway 158 for a total distance of .8 There are 19 homes in this short distance with 1 vacancy at this time. As you can see there are not that many people living on this stretch of highway. The sad part is that 3 have died of cancer, and 2 have survived cancer. That is a high percentage of cancer for such a short distance. ALL OF THESE HOMES ARE WITHIN A 2 MILE RADIUS OF CLEAN
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Th cost the cancer families have paid has been extremely high. Some cost so high that their lives were lost. I do not know how to put a price tag on that. Two of the 5 cancer patients I have written about are in my family. I can not put a price tag on the agony I have seen them in; the sickness from the treatments; the bills not paid by insurance ; the loss of income because they could not work; the tears shed and seen by their children.

I attribute the hazardous waste and toxins that came offsite from Clean Harbors Colfax as a main factor to the high incident rate of cancer in our area. The people in this area have paid a high price for the OB/OD and all that goes with it. The soldiers that served our country and were exposed to the burn pits paid and are paying a high price for that OB/OD exposure and the people who live and work in the area close to Clean Harbors are paying a high price as well. Both groups were exposed to many of the same things and have or are suffering from the same health issues.

The PACT Act (The Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act) was just signed into law last week. The legislation was designed to help the military personnel who suffered from the burn pits and the toxins to which they were exposed. Who will help the citizens in our area who were and are continuing to be exposed to many of the same things by OB/OD as the military personnel were exposed to by OB/OD?